Operator Training

Statistical Inventory Reconciliation



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

Release Detection

- Means watching the tank system on a routine basis so that if a release occurs, it will be discovered as quickly as possible
- All tanks are required to have release detection except tanks that serve as emergency generators

Release Detection Requirement

Must use a method and/or equipment capable of finding a leak of 0.2 gallons per hour (gph) within 30 days

How much is 0.2 gallons per hour??

Release Detection



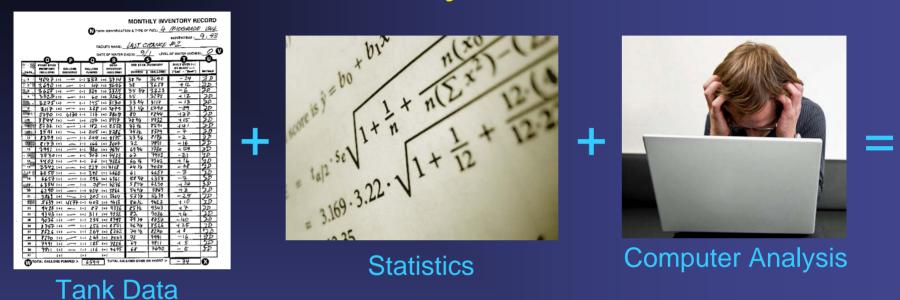


A leak of 0.2 gallons per hour is the same as losing 2 cola cans worth of fuel in an hour

Release Detection

Release detection requires that we look for a 0.2 gph leak at least once every month...

0.2 gph x 24 hours x 30 days = 144 gallons per month



PASS, INCONCLUSIVE, OR FAIL

Statistical Inventory Reconciliation (SIR) is a method of release detection that uses a third party certified computer software program to conduct statistical analysis of inventory, delivery, and dispensing data.



Data needed for SIR:

- •Daily fuel level measurements to the nearest 1/8th inch
- Fuel measurements before and after each delivery
- •Water level measurements
- Meter totalizer readings

Data must be collected daily and analyzed every month. Data can be gathered by "sticking" the tank manually or by using inventory data from an Automatic Tank Gauge.

At the end of the month, all collected information is sent off to the SIR vendor. The vendor will then return the analysis of the data by the middle of the next month. The analysis will be a result of Pass, Fail, or Inconclusive. The operator must read and evaluate all SIR reports. Every Fail or Inconclusive SIR result must be reported to the Department within 72 hours. The owner/operator must investigate the non-passing result and report the results of the investigation to the UST Compliance Section.



Read every SIR report when you receive it!

Inconclusive means that the data supplied was not sufficient enough to make a determination of Pass or Fail.

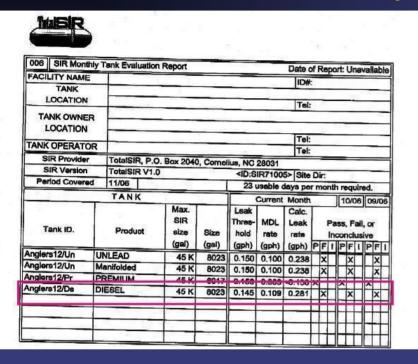
Reasons for Inconclusive:

- ■Not measuring to 1/8th inch
- •Missing the plastic button on the bottom of a gauge stick
- Incorrect tank chart
- Not recording a delivery

An Inconclusive results in effect means that the owner did not provide adequate release detection for the month.

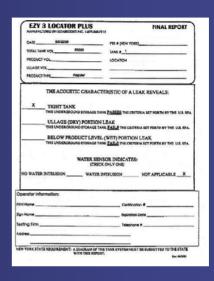
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The release detection requirement for tanks requires a passing SIR result for each tank for the most recent 12 months. There should be 12 pages like the one shown here on file at all times.



Failing SIR results for two months

After two consecutive fails and/or inconclusive results, a tank tightness test and line tightness test must be performed.



Tank Tightness Test



LOCATION

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE

ACURITE / FTA Line / LD Test Data Sheet | 1251 NUMBER | | 1551 DATE | 5/9/2008

CERTIFICATION

		LINE	TEST		
Product	Regular	Mid Grade	Premium	Kerosene	
STP MFG	Red Jacket	Red Jacket	Red Jacket	Red Jacket	
Isolation	B-Valve	B-Vaive	B-Valve	B-Valve	
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Line Tightness Test